

APPENDIX

Claims

1. (amended) A coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising:

[designation means, having a light emission device, for designating a three-dimensional position,]

a plurality of [line] sensors for receiving light emitted by [the] a light emission device of designation means and determining a three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists; and

calculation means for calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position where said designation means exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained by said plurality of [line] sensors.

11. (amended) A control method of a coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising the steps of:

inputting a three-dimensional position of a light emission device based on light emission of the light emission device;

determining the three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists based on light emitted by the light emission device and received by a plurality of [line] sensors; and

calculating three-dimensional coordinates of the position where the light emission device exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained in said determining step.

21. (amended) A computer-readable memory storing program codes for controlling a coordinate input apparatus which inputs three-dimensional coordinates, said memory comprising:

program codes for an input step of inputting a three-dimensional position of a light emission device based on light emission of the light emission device;

program codes for a determining step of determining the three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists based on light emitted by the light emission device and received by a plurality of [line] sensors; and

program codes for a calculation step of calculating three-dimensional coordinates of the position where the light emission device exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained in said determining step.

22. (amended) A coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising:

[designation means, having a light emission device, for designating a three-dimensional position,]

a plurality of [line] sensors for receiving light emitted by [the] a light emission device of designation means and determining a three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists;

a photoreception device for receiving light emitted by the light emission device;

calculation means for calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position where said designation means exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained by said plurality of [line] sensors; and

synchronization means for synchronizing a light emission cycle of the light emission device with a photoreception cycle of said [line] sensors based on a signal outputted by said photoreception device.

35. (amended) A control method of a coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising the steps of:

receiving light, emitted by a designation device having a light emission device, with a plurality of [line] sensors and determining a three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists;

receiving light, emitted by the light emission device, with a photoreception device;

calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position where the light emission device exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained in said determining step; and

synchronizing a light emission cycle of the light emission device with a photoreception cycle of the [line] sensors based on a signal outputted by said photoreception device.

48. (amended) A computer-readable memory storing program codes for controlling a coordinate input apparatus which inputs three-dimensional coordinates, said memory comprising:

program codes for a determining step of receiving light, emitted by a designation device having a light emission device, with a plurality of [line] sensors and determining a three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists;

program codes for a photoreception step of receiving light, emitted by the light emission device, with photoreception device;

program codes for a calculation step of calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position where the light emission device exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus, based on a determined value obtained in said determining step; and

program codes for a synchronizing step of synchronizing a light emission cycle of the light emission device with a photoreception cycle of the [line] sensors based on a signal outputted by said photoreception device.

49. (amended) A coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising:

[designation means for designating a three-dimensional position, said designation means having a light emission device and a plurality of switches;]

a plurality of [line] sensors for receiving light emitted by [the] a light emission device of designation means and determining a three-dimensional position where the light emission device exists;

a photoreception device for receiving light emitted by the light emission device;

binarization means for binarizing an output signal of said photoreception device;

and

calculation means for calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position where said designation means exists relative to said coordinate input apparatus based on a binarized signal outputted by said binarization means and a determined value obtained by said plurality of [line] sensors.

63. (amended) The coordinate input apparatus according to claim 55, wherein the light emission device emits light based on one of a plurality of different modulation signals modulated by a carrier frequency higher than the predetermined cycle, and

selection from the plurality of different modulation signals is made by [the] a plurality of switches of said designation means.

64. (amended) A control method of a coordinate input apparatus for inputting three-dimensional coordinates, comprising the steps of:

determining a three-dimensional position where a light emission device exists by receiving light, emitted by a designation device having the light emission device and a plurality of switches, with a plurality of [line] sensors;

receiving light, emitted by the light emission device, with a photoreception device;

binarizing an output signal of the photoreception device; and

calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position of the designation device relative to said coordinate input apparatus based on a binarized signal outputted in said binarization step and determined value obtained by the plurality of [line] sensors.

79. (amended) A computer-readable memory storing program codes for controlling a coordinate input apparatus which inputs three-dimensional coordinates, said memory comprising:

program codes for a determining step of determining a three-dimensional position where a light emission device exists by receiving light, emitted by a designation device having the light emission device and a plurality of switches, with a plurality of [line] sensors;

program codes for a photoreception step of receiving light, emitted by the light emission device, with photoreception device;

program codes for binarization step of binarizing an output signal of the photoreception device; and

program codes for a calculation step of calculating three-dimensional coordinates of a position of the designation device relative to said coordinate input apparatus based on a binarized signal outputted in said binarization step and a determined value obtained by the plurality of [line] sensors.

80. (amended) A coordinate input apparatus for detecting a position of a light spot relative to said coordinate input an apparatus, generated on a predetermined two-dimensional

coordinate surface with light emitted by a designation device which emits light in a predetermined blinking cycle, and for outputting detected coordinate data, said apparatus comprising:

a first photoreception sensor for detecting from the light spot, a light emission position in two-dimensional direction;

a second photoreception sensor for detecting from the light spot, time series variance of light emitted;

synchronization control means for synchronizing detection operation of said first photoreception sensor with the blinking cycle of light in the light spot based on the time series variance of the light spot detected by said second photoreception sensor; and

calculation means for calculating coordinates of the position of the light spot relative to said coordinate input apparatus, generated on the two-dimensional coordinate surface, based on a signal outputted from said first photoreception sensor brought to a synchronous state by said synchronization control means.

87. (amended) A control method of a coordinate input apparatus which detects a position of a light spot relative to said coordinate input apparatus, generated on a predetermined two-dimensional coordinate surface with light emitted by a designation device which emits light in a predetermined blinking cycle, and outputs detected coordinate data, said method comprising:

a first detection step of detecting from the light spot a light emission position in two-dimensional direction, by using a first photoreception sensor;

a second detection step of detecting from the light spot time series variance of light emitted, by using a second photoreception sensor;

a synchronization control sip of synchronizing detection operation of the first photoreception sensor with the blinking cycle of light in the light spot based on the time series variance of the light spot detected by the second photoreception sensor; and

a calculation step of calculating coordinates of the position of the light spot relative to said coordinate input apparatus, generated on the two-dimensional coordinate surface, based on a signal outputted from said first photoreception sensor brought to a synchronous state by said synchronization control step.

94. (amended) A computer-readable memory storing program codes for controlling a coordinate input apparatus which detects a position of a light spot relative to said coordinate input apparatus, generated on a predetermined two-dimensional coordinate surface with light emitted by a designation device which emits light in a predetermined blinking cycle and outputs detected coordinate data, said memory comprising:

program codes for a first detection step of detecting from the light spot, a light emission position in two-dimensional direction, by using a first photoreception sensor;

program codes for a second detection step of detecting from the light spot, time series variance of light emitted, by using a second photoreception sensor;

program codes for a synchronization control step of synchronizing detection operation of the first photoreception sensor with the blinking cycle of light in the light spot based on the time series variance of the light spot detected by the second photoreception sensor; and

program codes for a calculation step of calculating coordinates of the position of the light spot, relative to said coordinate input apparatus, generated on the two-dimensional coordinate surface, based on a signal outputted from said first photoreception sensor brought to a synchronous slate by said synchronization control step.